(घ) क्या सरकार ऐसे मामलों में कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार):** (क) केन्द्र सरकार के पास ऐसे स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों का रिकार्ड नहीं है। तथापि स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन योजना, जो 15.8.1979 से शुरू हुई थी, में जीवित स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और यदि वे जिन्दा नहीं है तो उनके परिवारों को तथा शहीदों के परिवारों को पेंशन प्रदान करने की व्यवस्था है। इस प्रयोजन के लिए परिवार में, क्रमानुसार सम्मिलित माने जाते हैं:—

विधवा/विधुर, अविवाहित/बेरोजगार पुत्रियां, माता और पिता। वे, केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा समय-समय पर दी जाने वाली अन्य संबंधित सुविधाओं के पात्र भी हैं।

(ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

**Disposal of cases by National Human Rights Commission**

2657. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases, State-wise taken up by the National Human Rights Commission during last one year, month-wise and the cases actually disposed of; and

(b) whether the Commission had enquired into the human right cases of Uttarakhand area of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the outcome thereof and the action on Commission's directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Statement showing number of cases, State-wise taken up by the National Human Rights Commission during last one year, month-wise is at Annexure-I (*See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 57)

Statement showing numbr of cases, State-wise actually disposed off by the National Human Rights Commission during last one year, month-wise is at Annexure-II. (*See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 57)

(b) The National Human Rights Commission had deputed a team in October 1994 from its Investigation Wing to visit places around Muzaffarnagar, Dehradun and Mussoorie to enquire into the complaints of violation of human rights. In the meantime the matter became sub-judice in the High Court of Allahabad and it directed the CBI to undertake the investigation of the series of incidents connected with Uttarakhand agitation. In order to avoid conflict in the duel investigation on the same incident, the Commission did not pursue the investigation by its team. However, it has called for information from the CBI as to whether the particular complaints that were received by the Commission have also been undertaken by them and the stage of investigation thereof. In view of this no recommendations on this case have been received for the Commission.

**Chief of ULFA to joint the mainstream of the Nation**

2658. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the open letter published in the Danik Agradoot published on the 7th February, 1997 urging the Chief of ULFA to join the mainstream of the Nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold talks with the ULFA Chief and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Editor of the Agradoot Group of Newspapers, had in an open letter in the Danik Agradoot of 17 February, 1997, requested ULFA to joing the mainstream of the Nation.

(c) The Government of India believes in solution of problems through talks and negotiations to bring about peace, stability and development. The Government of India is prepared for talks with any group which is willing to work within the framework of the Constitution of India and abjure violence. No talks have been initiated with the terrorist outfits operating in Assam, as they have not, as of now, indicated their willingness for talks within the above parameters and are continuing with violence. The Government of India categorically rejects violence as a means of achieving any objective.

**Cases Registered by Police under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955**

2659. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of cases, registered by the Police under the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 during 1994, 1995 and 1996 and number of such cases which were disposed of during the same years;

(b) whether the State Governments have undertaken surveys during the last three years for identifying untouchability prone areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Murder of SC/ST women**

2660. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state that the State-wise number of murders reported during 1995-96 and 1996-97 indicating the number of (i) women and (ii) SC/ST women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): Available information is given in the enclosed statements I and II.

**Statement-I**

*Incidence of Murder during 1995 and 1996 (State & UT-Wise)*

| Sl. No. | State/UT | 1995 | 1996 | Remarks (Figs. for 1996 are upto the month of) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2376 | 2124 | November |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 71 | 56 | September |
| 3. | Assam | 1269 | 1858 | September |
| 4. | Bihar | 5075 | N.A. | —— |
| 5. | Goa | 36 | 30 | |
| 6. | Gujarat | 1373 | 1282 | |
| 7. | Haryana | 627 | 455 | September |
| 8. | Himachalk Pradesh | 125 | 118 | |